

Application No. 09/490,882
Amendment "B" dated September 17, 2004
Reply to Office Action mailed July 8, 2004

REMARKS

Initially, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the recent interview held on August 24, 2004. The claim amendments made by this paper are consistent with the proposals discussed during the interview.

The Final Office Action, mailed July 8, 2004, considered claims 1-31. Of these claims, claim 1 was the only independent claim rejected, along with dependent claims 2 and 4. All of the other claims were found to be allowable, including independent claims 11, 16, 25 and 29.

Even though the last rejection was a Final rejection, this amendment should be entered because it places all of the claims in condition for immediate allowance, as discussed during the interview.

By this paper, claims 1 and 6 have been amended and claims 3 and 10 have been cancelled, such that claims 1-2, 4-9 and 11-31 remain pending, of which claim 1 is the only independent claim at issue. In the last action, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated by ATI Technologies, Inc., "All-In-Wonder User's Guide".¹

As discussed during the interview, the present invention is directed to an interconnection cable system that includes a plurality of electrical conductors; one or more male audio connectors; a mini plug; and a male video connector that is selectively adaptable for use with either a composite signal format or an S-video signal. As now further clarified by the amended language in the claim, the male video connector comprises a male S-video connector and an adapter having a female S-video end that can be selectively coupled with the male S-video connector and a male RCA end opposite the female S-video end for supporting the composite signal format, whereto the video connector supports the composite video signal format when the adapter is coupled with the male S-video connector.

The amendments made by this paper introduce some of the claim elements from claims 3, 6 and 10 into the claim. These claim elements, which were objected to in the last action, but

¹ Claim 4 was also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over ATI in view of RadioShack 1998 Answers Catalog. Although the prior art status of the cited art is not being challenged at this time, Applicants reserve the right to challenge the prior art status of the cited art at any appropriate time, should it arise. Accordingly, any arguments and amendments made herein should not be construed as acquiescing to any prior art status of the cited art.

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which were otherwise found allowable, clarify that some embodiments of the inventive interconnection system include a mini plug and an adapter that can be selectively coupled with the male S-video connector and a male RCA end.

Accordingly, for at least the reasons provided above, as well as the other reasons that were presented during the interview, amended claim 1, is clearly distinguished from the art of record and should now be found in condition for prompt allowance. The only other dependent claims at issue, claims 2 and 4-9, should also be found allowable for at least the same reasons because they depend from claim 1.

In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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